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LETTER DATED 3 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the appeal dated 21 November 1992 of the Government of the Russian Federation addressed to the leaders of Georgia and Abkhazia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Appeal dated 21 November 1992 of the Government of the Russian Federation addressed to the leaders of Georgia and Abkhazia

The armed conflict in Abkhazia is continuing, the number of victims is increasing, the economic situation is on the verge of total breakdown, and traffic along major transport routes is paralysed.

In these circumstances, the Government of the Russian Federation urges the parties to the conflict to implement an immediate, full and unconditional cease-fire and a separation of armed formations. We propose that the parties agree on a transitional special "cooling-off period", which would provide an opportunity for continued civilized, calm discussion of confidence-building measures based on the final document of the Moscow meeting of 3 September 1992.

For its part, the Russian Federation remains ready to act as an honest and impartial intermediary in the dispute between the Georgian and Abkhazian sides and to promote the incorporation of international observers into the process of peaceful settlement.

The Government of the Russian Federation will continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the affected population in the conflict zone, in the form of food, medicines, clothing and other essentials, and to promote economic revival.

Russia cannot remain indifferent to the misfortunes of neighbouring peoples. We call for an end to this senseless fratricidal war.